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| 1909 | \$400,000 00 | 1909  | \$423,961 00   |
| 1910 | 150,000 00   | 1910  | 450,000 00     |
| 1911 | 150,000 00   | 1911  | 364,082 00     |
| 1912 | 150,000 00   | 1912  | 50,910 00      |
| 1913 | 175 00       | 1913  | —              |
| 1914 | 375 00       | 1914  | —              |
| 1915 | 375 00       | Total | \$2,501,554 00 |

The amount of this debt has not been increased or diminished during the past year. The annual interest is \$254,556 10.

The Contingent State Debt, chiefly for aid to main roads, amounts to \$570,000, of which \$200,000 is to be paid in August and January next.

The position of Canal Finances is shown by the following statements:

CANAL DEBT, No. 1 (under Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution.)

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| Eric Canal enlargement      | \$41,407 00     |
| Chemin de fer               | 199,937 00      |
| Chemin de fer               | 1,302 00        |
| Chemin de fer               | 31 30           |
| Chemin de fer               | 2,523 25        |
| Chemin de fer               | 50,881 86       |
| Chemin de fer               | 10,000 00       |
| To provide for deficiencies | 7,330 00        |
| Paying interest             | \$11,655,046 90 |

No. 2 (under Article 7, Section 1, of the Constitution.)

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| For the completion and reconstruction of the Canal | \$29,000 00  |
| For the reconstruction of the Canal                | 1,700,000 00 |

wife, a butcher who resided in the house, and who kept a small grocery in the building, left about 1 o'clock to go to his place of business, at a market in Forty-second street. About an hour after he left, his wife got up and went into the store, where she lighted a complete lamp which hung over the counter, and then went down stairs into the basement, where her children, six in number, were asleep. She was proceeding to kindle a fire in the stove when she was suddenly alarmed by an explosion, which seemed to her to have taken place in the store. She immediately ran up the stair, and was in the act of opening the door leading from the hall into the store, when the flames burst into her face, and a man caught hold of her and dragged her back. She immediately fled to the basement, and, getting all her children out, they succeeded in escaping with them to the rear, by which means she was enabled to reach the house of a friend in safety.

The house is a three-story-and-attic brick building. On each side of the hall-way entrance was a store—one a grocery store, kept by Mr. Schlosser, and the other a butcher's shop, kept by J. T. Smith. Beside these, there were six families in the house.

On the second story, over the grocery store, lived Mrs. Charles Fielder and her three children. All saved.

On the same floor, over the butcher's shop, resided Marcus Nathanson and his two children. Lost.

On the third story, over the grocery store, resided a family named Burns, from which a child 4 years of age was lost.

On the same floor, over the butcher's shop, was the family of Morris Grossman, who lost one child, 6 years old.

On the upper or attic story, over the grocery store, lived Mrs. Nelan with her son James, and a woman named Mrs. Mary Dwyer, 50 years of age. The latter was burned to a crisp.

On the same floor, over the butcher's shop, was the family of Mr. Cosgrove, with his wife and three children, being one boy and two girls, aged 8, 13, and 15 years, respectively. One of the children was lost.

As soon as the alarm was given, the firemen hastened to the spot, but did not succeed in quelling the fire until the building was almost completely demolished.

Had Mrs. Schlosser not opened the side door leading from the hall into the store, it is quite probable that every life might have been saved. As soon as the door was opened, the flames rushed up the staircase, rendering it impossible for any person to descend. It was owing to this fact, doubtless, that some of the lost were reprieved and smothered. Ten minutes had not elapsed before the whole building appeared to be enveloped in flames.

SEARCH FOR THE BODIES.

As soon as the flames were subdued, and access could be had to the ruins, immediate search was made for the bodies of those who were supposed to have perished. To this work, Hook and Ladder Company No. 11 bent all their energies, and succeeded by 10 o'clock in recovering six bodies of grown-up people and children.

The bodies are all in the Seventh Ward Station-House, only one of them—that of a young woman—being even remotely recognizable. They are all burned to a crisp. Portions of the limbs are burned off, and a number of charred human bones are gathered together in a paper.

The bodies are those of four children and two grown up persons.

DISCOVERY OF THE FIRE.

Officer Dufren was the first to discover the flames. Upon opening the hall door he saw Mrs. Schlosser in the hall endeavoring to gain an entrance to the store by the side door. She said that there was \$50 in the drawer, and she wanted to get it. The officer drew her back, and endeavored to shut the door to prevent the fire getting up stairs.

Before the Hook and Ladder Company could arrive,

**CITY MORTALITY.**—The number of deaths occurring in the city during the week ending Dec. 31, was 376. Of these, 193 were males and 186 females. The principal diseases were as follows: Bronchitis, 11; congestion of the brain, 11; congestion of the lungs, 8; consumption, 31; convulsions, 32; eroup, 23; general debility, 7; dropsy, 15; scarlet fever, 38, typhus fever, 4; other fevers, 11; inflammation of the brain, 12; inflammation of the bowels, 9; inflammation of the lungs, 12; influenza, 3; measles, 15; stillborn, 37. Of the whole number of deaths 17 were the result of violence. The fatalities were: 2 British American, 1 of China,